

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HON.
JOHN B. LARSON, CHAIRMAN,
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable JOHN B. LARSON, Chairman, Democratic Caucus:

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 23, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House, U.S. Capitol, Washington DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This is to notify you that the Honorable Parker Griffith of Alabama has resigned as a Member of the Democratic Caucus.

Sincerely,

JOHN B. LARSON,
Chairman.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 23, 2009.

Hon. JAMES L. OBERSTAR,
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIR: This is to advise you that Representative Parker Griffith's election to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has been automatically vacated pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X effective today.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 23, 2009.

Hon. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUES,
Chairman, Committee on Small Business, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM CHAIR: This is to advise you that Representative Parker Griffith's elec-

tion to the Committee on Small Business has been automatically vacated pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X effective today.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 23, 2009.

Hon. BART GORDON,
Chairman, Committee on Science and Technology, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIR: This is to advise you that Representative Parker Griffith's election to the Committee on Science and Technology has been automatically vacated pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X effective today.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 976, the House shall stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 26, 2009, unless the conditions specified in section 11(c) of that resolution have been met, in which case the House shall stand adjourned sine die pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 223.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5189. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the System's final rule — Truth in Lending [Regulation Z; Docket No. R1378] received December 1, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5190. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2008-0020] received December 1, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5191. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2008-0020; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-1063] received December 1, 2009,

pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5192. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2008-0020] received December 1, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5193. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2008-0020] received December 1, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5194. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Closure of the 2009 Commercial Harvest of Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack [Docket No.: 040205043-4043-01] (RIN: 0648-XP56) received December 8, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5195. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator For Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Subsistence Fishing [Docket No.: 0812191631-91238-03] (RIN: 0648-AX53) received December 1, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5196. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish Program; Amendment 85 [Docket No.: 0811201490-91372-03] (RIN: 0648-AX42) received December 1, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5197. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 0801041351-9087-02] (RIN: 0648-XS69) received December 1, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5198. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator For Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the United States Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Fisheries of the Arctic Management Area; Bering Sea Subarea [Docket No.: 090218204-91211-04] (RIN: 0648-AX71) received December 1, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.